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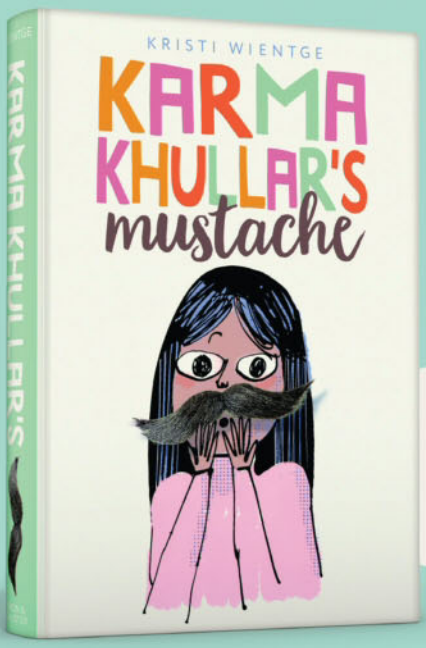

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hi from the editors!

Summer's almost over, and that means it's about time to head back to school! We remember what that was like — being so excited to see buds and learn new things, but also feeling nervous about what's to come. Calm your fears by reading *Andi Mack* star Peyton Elizabeth Lee's top tips for making this school year your best one yet (pg. 20), then check out our fun back-to-school keepsake project (pg. 78). And if you're looking for a way to bond with new pals at recess, try bringing in your copy of *Girls' World* and reading it together!

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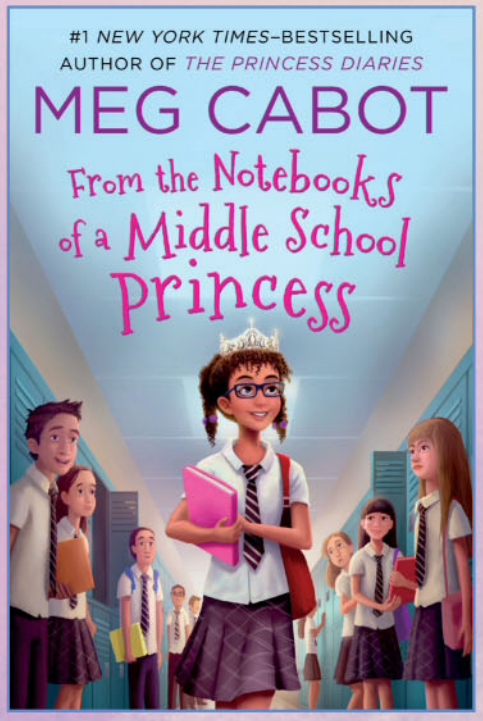

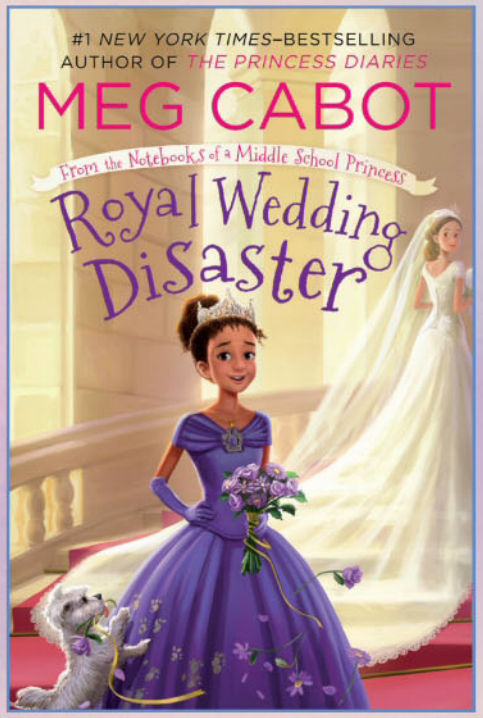
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Then one completely average day, everything goes wrong: the most popular girl in school, Annabelle Jenkins, threatens to beat her up, the principal gives her a demerit, and she's knocked down at the bus stop. . . .

Suddenly a limo containing Princess Mia Thermopolis of Genovia pulls up to invite her to New York to meet her father, who promptly invites her to come live with him, Mia, Grandmère, and her two fabulous poodles.

Maybe Olivia isn't so average after all!

Start reading at middleschoolprincessbooks.com

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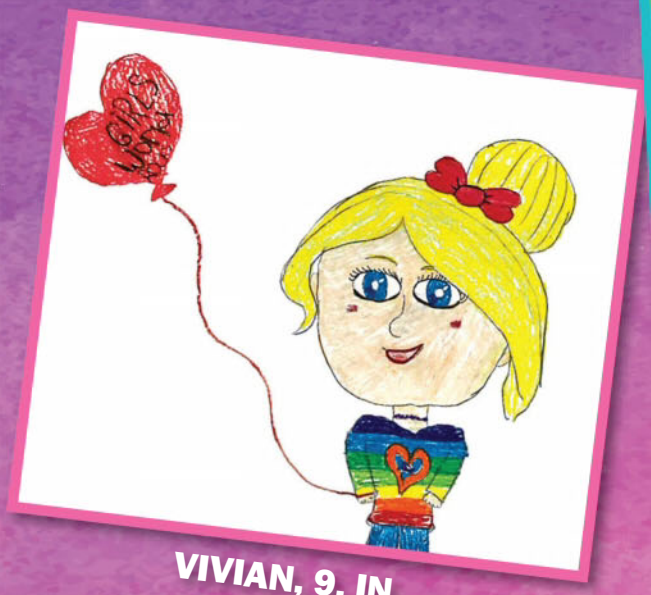

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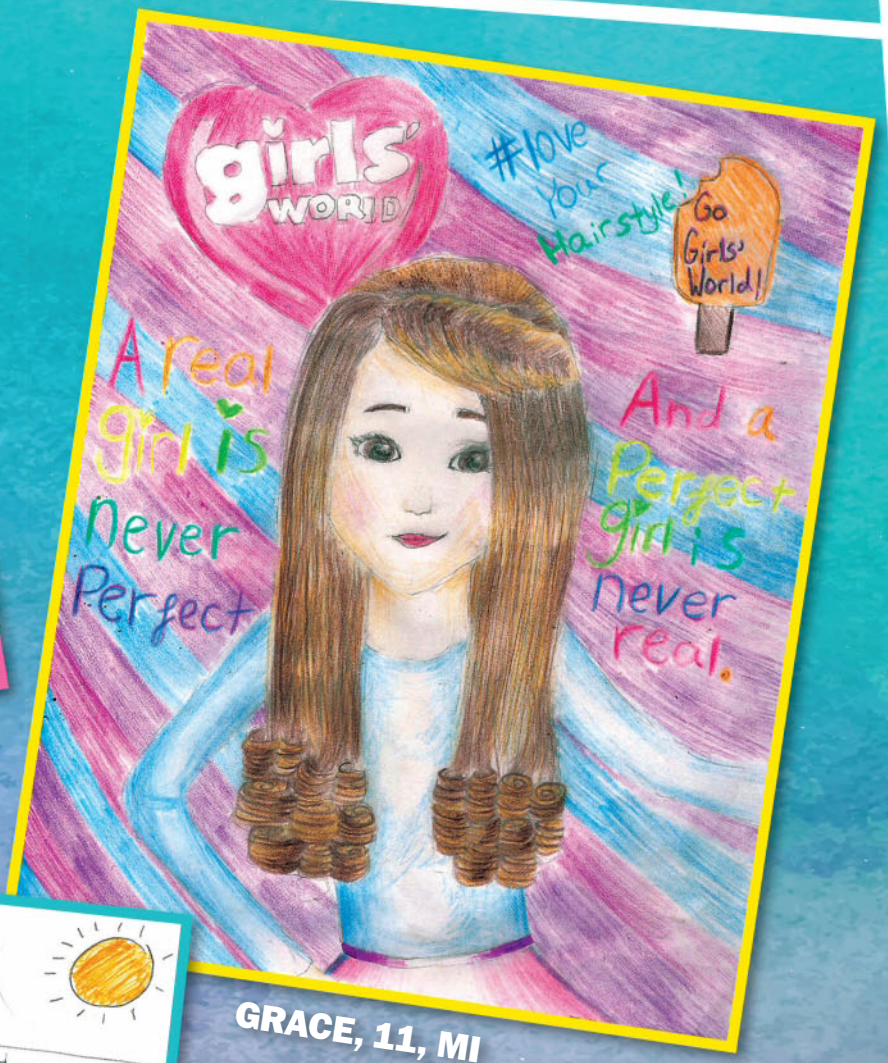

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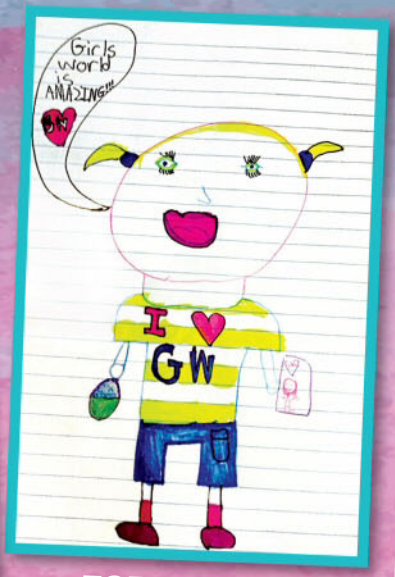

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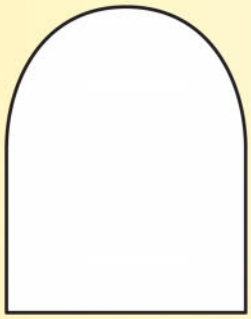
SEND US YOUR ARTWORK! Draw a picture of your Halloween costume, and it could be in our next issue! To send, go to page 96 and follow the instructions.

Back-to-School Basics!

School is in session! Learn how to draw these supplies.

Book Bag



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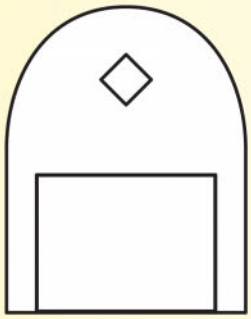

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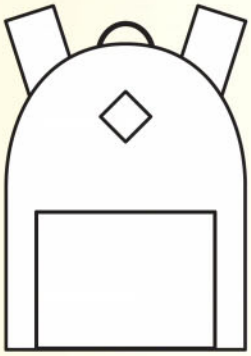


3. Draw two rectangular straps on top and a small curved line between them.

4. Draw a curved line; add a rounded triangle zipper pull. Add a straight line to the front pocket and another pull. Now, color in!

Pencil

1. Draw a long rectangle on a slant.

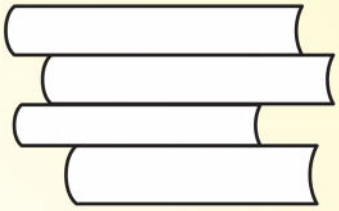
2. Draw a triangle on the end and make the tip black.

3. Draw a half-circle on top and four lines underneath.

4. Finally, add two long vertical lines and color it in!

Textbooks

1. Draw two horizontal lines. Add curved vertical lines to connect them.



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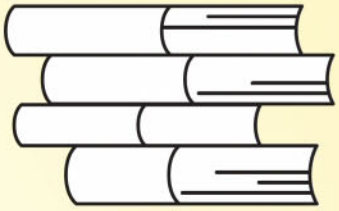
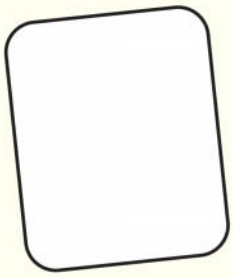


3. In the center of each book, add a curved line. Draw straight lines for pages.

4. Finally, design your books and color them in!

Calculator



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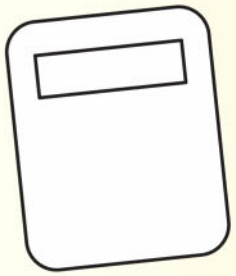
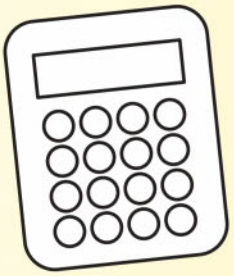


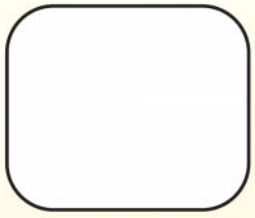
2. Then, draw a narrow rectangle inside it at the top.



3. Add 16 small circles inside of the rounded shape.

4. Finally, write some numbers and color in!

Lunch Box



1. Draw a rounded square.

2. For the handle, add a half circle to the top. Add another one on top.

3. Draw a smaller rounded square. Next, add two horizontal lines inside.

4. Draw two rounded triangle zippers; add six lines. Then, color in!

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Make a daily feelings chart!

Predict your mood for the day or let others know how you're feeling with this rainbow wheel!

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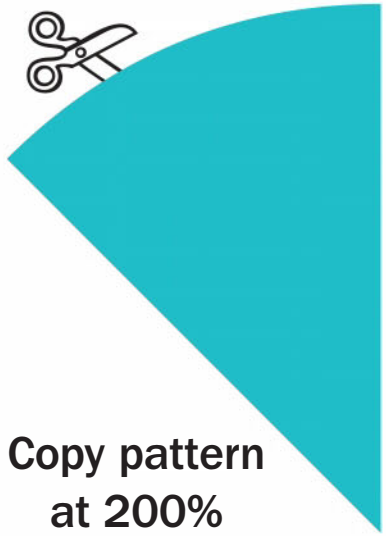
What you'll need:

- 1 (9"x12") craft foam sheet each, in red, orange, yellow, green, aqua, blue, purple, pink
- 11"x17" black craft foam sheet
- 1" black alphabet stickers
- 1 brass brad
- Beacon® Craft Foam Glue
- scissors
- 3M Command® Poster Strips



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Directions:

Step 1

To start, cut a 10-inch circle out of the black craft foam. After enlarging our pattern below, use it as a template and cut one pie slice from each of the other seven colors of craft foam.

Step 2

Using the letter stickers, spell out a different mood on each slice. You can use the ones we did or other words that better suit you! Then, glue each slice to the black circle.

Step 3

Cut a 2-inch arrow from the black craft foam, then cut a tiny slit at the end. Poke a hole through the center of the mood circle. Next, push the brad through the arrow and the circle and spread the ends on the back of the wheel to keep it in place. Finally, attach a poster strip to the back and hang it on your door!

CAREFUL!
This project should be done with an adult.

DOUGHNUTS that'll make you smile!

You can't be unhappy if you're snacking on these!

INGREDIENTS

- 8 glazed doughnut holes
- 1 cup canned white frosting
- pink, blue and yellow nonpareil sprinkles
- 8 chocolate wafer cookies
- 1 tube of black decorating icing

DIRECTIONS

Place 8 glazed doughnut holes on a rack that has wax paper underneath. Space them all about an inch apart from each other. Microwave a cup of white frosting on high for 15-second intervals, until it's pourable. Once melted, pour icing over doughnuts to coat them, letting excess drip off. Insert fork into bottom of doughnut and carefully roll into either the pink, blue or yellow sprinkles. Once covered, gently remove fork and slide doughnut onto a chocolate wafer cookie, pressing down to stick. Repeat those steps until all doughnuts are done. Let stand 20 minutes or until dry. Then, using black decorating icing with small writing tip, draw on eyes and smiles. Let sit for 10 minutes before digging in!

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READER RECIPE

SEND US YOUR RECIPE! Go to page 96 and follow the directions.

GRANDMA'S LEMON BARS

from Luca, 12, NY

INGREDIENTS

Crust

- ½ cup confectioners sugar
- 2 cups flour
- 1 cup margarine, melted

Topping

- ¼ cup flour
- 2 cups sugar
- 4 eggs
- ⅓ cup lemon juice
- ½ teaspoon baking powder

DIRECTIONS Preheat oven to 350°F. Set aside a 9"x13" pan. In a bowl, mix melted margarine with flour and sugar. Once combined, place mixture into bottom of pan and use your fingers to flatten it out, covering the pan. Bake for 22-24 minutes. For the lemon topping, stir together flour, sugar, eggs, lemon juice and baking powder in a bowl; pour on top of baked crust. Bake again at 350°F for 22-24 minutes. Let cool and sprinkle top with confectioners sugar. Yum!

STAR RECIPE

AVA CANTRELL'S OVERNIGHT ORANGE FRENCH TOAST!

We want to make Ava Cantrell's recipe at our next sleepover!

INGREDIENTS

- 4 eggs
- ½ cup half-and-half
- ⅓ cup orange juice
- 3 teaspoons orange zest
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- ¼ teaspoon vanilla
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- 16 slices French toast bread
- powdered sugar

DIRECTIONS In a bowl, beat eggs, half-and-half, orange juice, zest, sugar, vanilla and salt with a fork. Dip bread into mixture, soaking thoroughly; place in ungreased pan. Pour any remaining egg mixture over bread pieces. Cover and refrigerate at least 8 hours. Then, place skillet over medium heat and cook bread for 4 minutes on each side. Sprinkle with powdered sugar, and enjoy!

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notebooks!

Tired of boring school supplies? We've got the perfect solution!

What You'll Need:

- composition notebook
- washi tape
- Elmer's Glue
- scissors
- pink paper
- white paper

Directions:

1 Start by measuring how much pink paper you'll need to completely cover the back of the notebook and the binding over the front. Use a pair of scissors to cut the paper to size, then glue it on and let the glue dry.

2 Take your white sheet of paper, lay it on top of the front of the notebook, and cut it so that it perfectly covers the front. Make sure that the pink paper that's over the binding is not being covered by the white paper.

3 Add stripes of washi tape, starting from the bottom of the sheet. Leave extra tape hanging off the right side of the sheet. When you're done, fold the extra tape over the side of the paper, and glue the white sheet to the cover.

Throw a Paris Party!

Turn your house into the City of Lights with a party like this!

Passport To Paris!

Say bonjour (hello in French) to your buds with an invitation that looks like a plane ticket! The take off is the day of the party, the destination is your house and the book your flight is the number to call to R.S.V.P.

Bonjour Decor!

Make your guests say oh la la!

- The French flag is red, white and blue, so balloons and tablecloths in those colors will help set the mood. We found these French flag banners and plates on amazon.com!
- It's not Paris without an Eiffel Tower! Add tiny ones to your table, or get a giant cardboard cutout to take pictures with!
- Since Paris is called the City of Lights, hanging pretty twinkle lights everywhere will look très chic!

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French Food!

Set up a chalk board menu like a true Parisian café!

Hors d'oeuvres, or appetizers, are popular in France. Make a pretty plate of cheese, crackers and fruits to start off the party!

No food says Paris quite like a croissant! Fill cute baskets with croissants and offer your friends different ingredients to fill them with. A few of our favorite options: turkey and cheese, butter, tuna fish or cream cheese!

For drinks, serve water or milk in pretty cups with black and white stripped paper straws for a fancy café look!

Is any party complete without dessert? The French are famous for amazing desserts, including the macaron! Serve a plate of them in your favorite colors to really impress your friends.

Awesome Activités!

These activities are sure to be a hit with your besties!

Guessing Game: At the very start of your party, give each guest a piece of paper. Ask them to write their names along with their guess for how many steps are in the Eiffel Tower. Have a parent look and pick the person who gets the closest to the real answer (1,710 steps!). That person gets first dibs on dessert!

Poodle Play: Ready for pin the tail on the poodle, France's most popular dog? Print out a picture of a poodle and tape it to the wall. Give each guest a cotton ball with a piece of tape attached. Blindfold them, and one by one see if anyone can get the cotton on the poodle's tail!

Build A Beret: Make one of France's most popular fashion statements with a few supplies you can find at home. Have each party guest paint a paper plate black. When the paint dries, glue a pom-pom to the center of the bottom side of the plate. Then, hot glue either a headband or hair clip to the other side of the plate. Wait for that glue to dry, then pop it onto your head!

Merci Munchies!

Say au revoir (goodbye) to your buds with Eiffel Tower lollipops. Just get a mold, like these Eiffel Tower Pops Candy Molds from makenmold.com, pour in candy melts, add a paper lollipop stick and wrap a pop for each guest to take home.

quiz

My Little Pony: The Movie is in theaters October 6!

What's your My Little Pony name?

DIRECTIONS: Go from one to three, picking the option that applies to you, then fill out your name on the bottom. Play with all of your friends!

1 First letter of your name:

- **A** = Apple
- **B** = Magic
- **C** = Sweetie
- **D** = Flurry
- **E** = Shining
- **F** = Queen
- **G** = Trixie
- **H** = Bright
- **I** = Star
- **J** = Fancy
- **K** = Silver
- **L** = Sunset
- **M** = Misty
- **N** = Cloud
- **O** = Sugar
- **P** = Cherry
- **Q** = Sunny
- **R** = Rainbow
- **S** = Blossom
- **T** = Twilight
- **U** = Coco
- **V** = Peachy
- **W** = Flash
- **X** = Goldie
- **Y** = Jewel
- **Z** = Princess

2 Your birthday month:

- **January** = Light
- **February** = Velvet
- **March** = Blaze
- **April** = Lightning
- **May** = Bloom
- **June** = Feather
- **July** = Storm
- **August** = Shimmer
- **September** = Cheery
- **October** = Pumpkin
- **November** = Blue
- **December** = Fire

3 Your favorite activity:

- **Reading** = Sparkle
- **Baking** = Pie
- **Sports** = Dash
- **Dancing** = Belle
- **Drawing** = Luna
- **Playing** = Heart
- **Talking** = Cupcake
- **Music** = Rose
- **Movies** = Shy
- **Family fun** = Breeze
- **Learning** = Cake
- **Shopping** = Tiara

Hello, my name is: _____

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Make someone smile!

Give these bookmark crafts to a friend, teacher, coach or family member!

Directions: Complete the sweet message on each of the bookmarks below. Then, cut them out and give each one to a special person so they can use it this school year!

Cut on the line!

Cut on the line!

Amazing Advice

Never fear! *Girls' World* is here to help solve your trickiest problems.

school stress

Dear Girls' World,
In class, I usually know the answers to the teacher's questions. But I don't want to raise my hand all the time or people might think I'm being a smarty pants. Help! — Teacher's pet

gw If you know the answer to a question your teacher asks, you should definitely raise your hand. Don't worry about what other people think. In fact, we bet no one is paying as close attention to your hand-raising habits as you think. But even if they are, you have nothing to be embarrassed about. You sound like a smart girl who studies hard. There's no shame in that — you should be proud!

doll drama

Dear Girls' World,
My grandma and I used to play with dolls together, but I don't really like doing that anymore. I don't want to hurt her feelings. What can I do? — Grandma's girl

gw We get that you don't want to hurt your g-ma's feelings. But we bet that what she really loves about playing with the dolls is getting to spend time with you, and you guys can do that however you want! If you want to try something different, next time she's coming over, think about some new things you'd both enjoy doing, like playing a board game or making a DIY blanket. It sounds like you two have a great relationship, and that isn't going to change!

class leader

Dear Girls' World,
This year, we're allowed to run for class president at school. I really want to, but what if no one votes for me? — President probs

gw Being class president sounds like a lot of fun! If you think you'd be a great class leader and really want the job, you have to go for it. Ask your closest friends to help you make colorful posters that you can hang up around your classroom. You'll want to practice your speech as well, so write one up and then rehearse it with your parents. They can help you out if you're feeling like your speech still needs a little work. Even if you don't end up getting the position, everyone will admire the hard work you put into your campaign. We know that lots of people will vote for you!

Babe and Kenzie from Game Shakers are tight, but they have disagreements, too.

too trusting

Dear Girls' World,
My friend noticed how gullible I am and is using it against me. I don't think I can trust her. Help! — Believes everything she hears

gw So you're a little gullible, which means it's pretty easy to get you to believe whatever someone is telling you. That's not such a big deal — except if it's making you second guess your friendship. Friends are supposed to encourage and support you, not make you feel badly about yourself. If your bud's telling little white lies to see if you believe them and then laughing it off with you, she may not know how much she's hurting you. Tell her how you feel about what she's doing and ask her nicely to stop. A true friend definitely will!

seating sitch

Dear Girls' World,
I have three siblings, and whenever we're all in the car together, I always have to sit in the back seat. It's so unfair! — Bummed in the back

gw We totally get why you'd be annoyed about this. We suggest asking your mom or dad about sitting in the middle seat the next time you guys are all in the car. That way you can get an idea about what it'll be like. You may actually find that you like having the back row all to yourself better than being cramped in with your two siblings! But if you do like sitting in that middle seat, talk to your mom about setting up a rotation. That way, everyone takes their turn sitting in the back.

Send us your question!
Go to page 96 and follow the instructions.

COURTESY OF SCOTT EVERETT WHITE/NICKELODEON

Peyton's top 10 tips TO MAKE THIS SCHOOL YEAR ROCK!

Andi Mack star Peyton Elizabeth Lee has the best advice for you!

1 Join a club!

Finding after-school activities you enjoy makes school more fun — and it'll help you meet new buds! "You'll not only meet lots of kids, but you'll all already have something in common!" Peyton explains.

2 Talk to your teacher!

"If you don't understand something in class, it's totally alright to ask your teacher for help," Peyton advises. "It'll keep you from getting behind later."

3 Choose your outfit the night before!

Spending time picking out the perfect outfit in the morning may make you late — so choose it the night before! "That's what I do," Peyton reveals. "It's easier."

4 Get your homework done early!

You want to start working on it as soon as you get home. And if you're having trouble, take Peyton's advice: "Talk to your friends about it and see if they can help."

5 Decorate your locker!

Are you feeling bummed about summer being over? Peyton knows what to do! "If you bring pictures to hang up in your locker, you'll feel happy whenever you open it up," she dishes.

Ace your next test with Peyton's tips!

Got a big test coming up? The actress knows just how you should prepare!

1. "Make flashcards! They always work for me, and it's really nice that you can quiz yourself with them."
2. "Form a study group with some of your friends. That way, you can all help each other understand any subjects that you might be confused about."
3. "It's important not to stay up late studying. If you do, you'll be sleepy and not able to focus on the test."
4. "Don't wait until last-minute to study. Study a little each day leading up to your test."

6 Show school spirit!

"Going to school sporting events is fun!" Peyton smiles. "Plus, everyone goes, so you'll run into your classmates there!" Sounds like a blast.

7 Be friendly!

Who says you only need one group of buds? "You should always be open to making new friends," Peyton says. "It's important that you make an effort to get to know other kids."

8 Avoid drama!

Unfortunately, kids can be mean sometimes. If a classmate tries to cause problems with you, ignore her. "Spend time with people who are drama-free," Peyton says.

9 Plan after-school hangouts!

"Invite girls you want to be closer with over for a sleepover so you guys can get to know each other better," Peyton suggests. That's a great way to bond!

10 Just be *you*!

Even if you're feeling nervous about a new school year, be confident in who you are! "Don't change who you are or try to be someone you aren't — be real and people will want to be friends with you because of that," Peyton explains.

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quiz

What will be your best subject this school year?

This year, you're going to be an amazing student!

Do you think word problems are a little tricky?

- Not really
- Yes, I do!

How often do you read just for fun?

- Not that much
- All the time

Math!

YOU'RE AN EXCELLENT CRITICAL THINKER!

Math will come as a breeze to you because you are great at solving problems. Stay organized and keep your schoolwork neat — it's sure to really help out!

Language Arts!

READING IS REALLY YOUR THING!

The best writers are readers, so you'll do great in this class. Let your imagination run wild and your teacher will be so impressed by your creativity!

Start

What school job would you love?
- Principal
- Teacher

How do you like to study?
- Using flashcards
- With a friend

Field trip day! Where do you want to go?
- A children's museum
- A nature walk

What's one thing you really want to do in school this year?
- Paint something
- An experiment

Do you keep an organized school planner?
- I do!
- Nope

What's something that's always in your pencil case?
- Crayons
- Pencils, duh!

Do you play any musical instruments?
- Yes, I do!
- No, I wish

Do you remember everything you learned last year?
- Um, maybe?
- For sure

What sort of backpack is so you?
- A blue one
- A rainbow one

How do you prefer to do a class project?
- By myself
- In a group

History!

REMEMBERING INTERESTING FACTS IS EASY FOR YOU!

Your flashcards are always ready to teach your brain new history topics. When it's time for a test, take a deep breath and focus. We see an A+ coming!

Art!

YOU HAVE AMAZING ARTISTIC VISION!

Art class is your chance to show how unique you truly are. No matter what you're doing in art, it comes easy to you. Never be afraid to be yourself and stand out!

Science!

YOU'RE READY TO START DOING COOL EXPERIMENTS!

As a curious girl, you love how many new things there are to learn in science. Take the lead in your next group

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Star Sightings

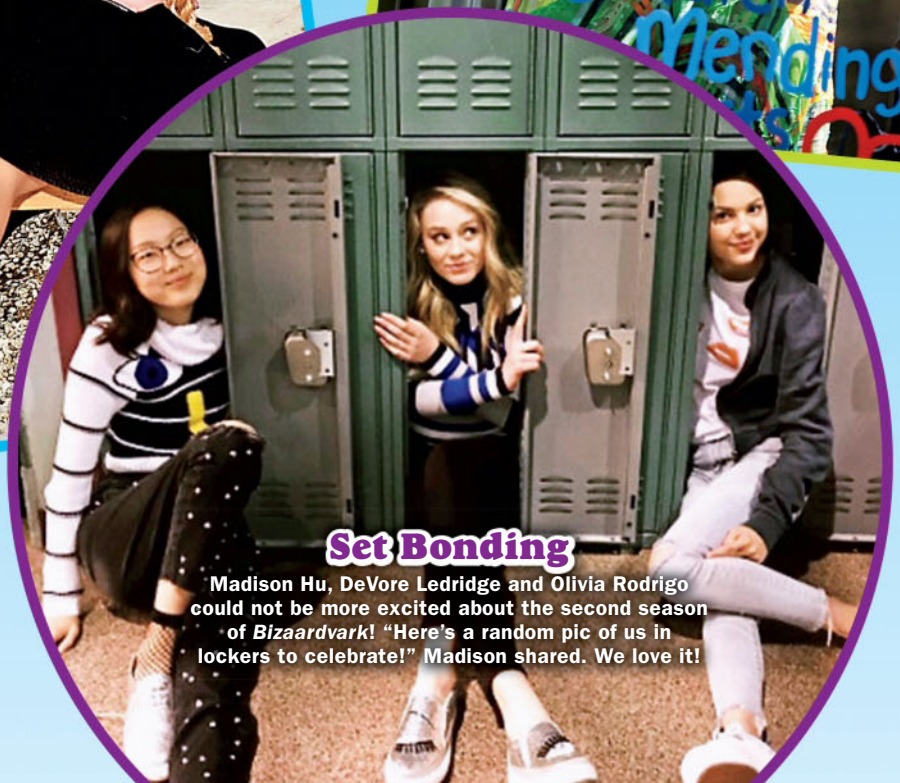
See who *Girls' World* caught on camera!

Swing Time

Lizzy Greene and Madisyn Shipman went for a swing in Beverly Hills, California. "I love her more than pizza, fries and even ice cream!" Madisyn says.

Giving Back

Rowan Blanchard loves making the world a better place, and she was honored for her work at Children Mending Hearts' Empathy Rocks fundraiser in California. Congrats, Rowan!



Set Bonding

Madison Hu, DeVore Ledridge and Olivia Rodrigo could not be more excited about the second season of *Bizaardvark*! "Here's a random pic of us in lockers to celebrate!" Madison shared. We love it!

Cowabunga, dude!

Heroes In A Half Shell

"*TMNT* squad," Breanna Yde called herself and her *Ninja Turtle* pals as they got together at VidCon in Anaheim, California.

Puppy Love

While visiting a talk show in Miami, Florida, Isabela Moner took a quick break to pose with this adorable pooch. "I love dogs!" she says.

Hidden Talent

We all know Liam Payne is a great singer, but can he also play the drums? Not exactly! The former One Directioner sat behind a drum kit for a few pictures while in New York City. We bet with a little practice, he could be a pro!

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Strike a Pose

JoJo Siwa and her dancers checked out Nickelodeon Universe at the Mall of America in Minnesota while filming her Nick special, *JoJo Siwa: My World*. "We went on *all* of the rides!" she dished to *Girls' World*.

Seeing Double

Jillian Shea Spaeder loved checking out her *Walk the Prank* story in a past issue of *GW*. "It's so cool!" she said.

Lucky Fans

We wish we could be one of these fans posing with Alessia Cara in Toronto, Canada! She was there to host the MuchMusic Video Awards.

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Adventure Time

The Thundermans' Addison Riecke and *Nicky, Ricky, Dicky & Dawn's* Kyla-Drew Simmons had a blast ziplining together in Hawaii!

So Crafty

"Trying out this new modeling clay and made some fun characters," *Stuck in the Middle's* Ariana Greenblatt shared. So cute!

Super Kid

Andi Mack's Asher Angel became a superhero for a day at the Lollipop Superhero Walk in Los Angeles, which helps raise awareness for kids in hospitals.

Ready to rock!

All Smiles

The Forever in Your Mind boys, Liam Attridge, Emery Kelly and Ricky Garcia were so excited to hit the stage in Wantagh, New York, for a concert.

Disney Channel Duo

Jenna Ortega was pretty starstruck when she met Selena Gomez. "She's as sweet as she is talented," Jenna smiles.

Dear Diary!

Meet 11-year-old Kaia, who is sharing a page from her diary each issue!

Kaia lives in FL and is currently obsessed with playing tennis and listening to Lorde on repeat! Follow her on Instagram at @kaiajjames.

Oct. '17: I Like being "weird!"

As I have gotten older, I've noticed that many people my age are starting to crave popularity. Some of my best friends have separated from me to join the "right" clique. You know the one: the group of girls who all kind of look the same, wear the same clothes, talk about the same things and follow the latest trends.

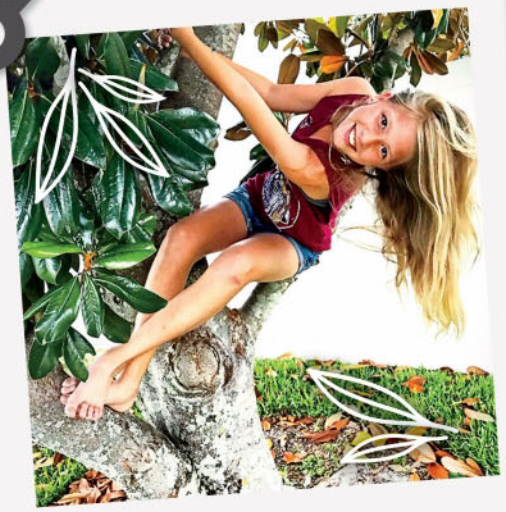
I'm not popular. And to be honest, I don't want to be. In order to be popular, I'd have to hide who I really am — and I'm not interested in that.

The thing about popular people is that most of them are followers. That's the secret! If you watch celebrities or the queen of the popular girls and copy everything they do, you too can be popular! But who wants that? I don't want to be trapped in a sea of sameness or be a soldier in someone else's army. I want to be a warrior. The commander of myself. I would rather be weird and true to who I really am than be popular and miserable.

To me, the weird people are the coolest people of all. Some people think being called "weird" is an insult, but I think it's the biggest compliment because it means you're not like everyone else. You're brave enough to show the world who you really are. I know it's hard sometimes — I get sad too, whenever I realize I don't really fit in anywhere — but I believe that the weird kids today are the ones who will go on to do amazing things in life because we're not followers. We're the leaders.

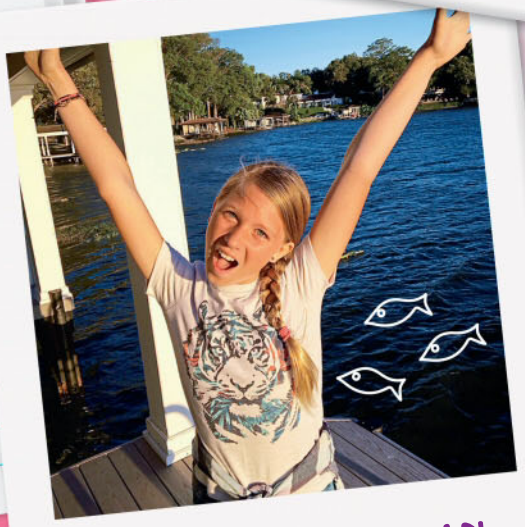
So the next time someone calls you "weird," say thank you. Focus on being you and doing what you love, because you're not alone. There's a whole group of us weird kids who don't fit the mold — so welcome to the club! If we all promise to stay weird together, who knows? Maybe we'll change the world.

'til next time!
Kaia xoxo



Embrace your weirdness!

I'm an original



Be true to yourself!

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What school club sounds like the most fun?

See what your favorite stars would do after school!

Choir!

"I was in competitive show choir," Dove reveals to *Girls' World*. "It was amazing!"

Chess Club!

"Chess club," says Casey from *Nicky, Ricky, Dicky & Dawn*. "I'm good at chess — clubs are so fun!"

Sewing Club!

"I'd love to join a sewing club," the *Henry Danger* star shares. "I've begun wearing some of my own designs on the red carpet, so sewing would definitely be a good skill to learn."

Boys and Girls Club!

"Boys and Girls Club sounds like the most fun because we all have more fun when we're together!" Raven's Home's Issac says.

ARIANA GREENBLATT

Cooking Club!

"I would join a cooking club," Ariana from *Stuck in the Middle* dishes. "Creating something that you can actually eat is perfect for me!"

RICKY GARCIA

Storytelling Club!

"I was part of the storytelling club," Ricky shares. "I would write stories and the teacher would show me better ways to express myself."

OLIVIA RODRIGO

Student Council!

"Student Government sounds like a lot of fun!" Olivia smiles. "I think I would have a great time planning and organizing school and community events."

SOFIA CARSON

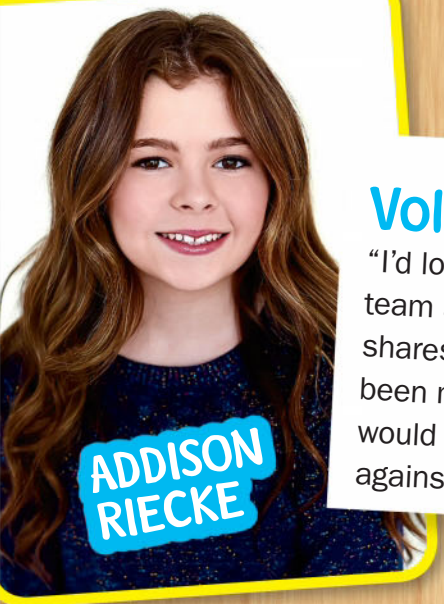
Drama Club!

"Drama would definitely be the most fun!" *Descendants 2* star Sofia tells us.

DEVORE LEDRIDGE

Fashion Club!

"Fashion design club!" DeVore reveals. "I've always enjoyed creating a design in my mind, sketching it on paper and then attempting to sew it into a completed look."



ADDISON RIECKE

Volleyball Team!

"I'd love to join the volleyball team at my school," Addison shares with *GW*. "It's always been my favorite sport, and I would definitely want to play against other teams, too!"

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Styling tips for every

Straight

Fairy Tales Static Free Detangling Spray, $11, ulta.com

Aussie Aussome Volume Shampoo, $6, aussie.com

JoJo Siwa Large Rainbow Signature Hair Bow, $15, claires.com

OGX Anti-Gravity + Hydration O2 Shampoo, $8, ulta.com

Original Detangler - Happy Hair - Daisy Wet Brush, $10, thewetbrush.com

Styling tips:

- You've probably had crazy static hair — where your strands stick up everywhere. Use a static spray or rub a dryer sheet onto your brush before brushing to fix it!
- Go for a big bow! It'll stand out with your hair down or in a ponytail.

Curly

Styling tips:

- Curly hair breaks easier than other types of hair, so the best way to detangle it is by running your fingers through wet hair when conditioning it. NEVER comb dry curls!
- A fun headband with ears will pop in your curls and tame them too!

Garnier Fructis Style Curl Renew Reactivating Milk Spray, $4, kmart.com

Mixed Chicks Leave-In Conditioner For Kids, $11, mixedchicks.net

DevaCurl No-Poo Original Zero Lather Conditioning Cleanser, $10, devacurl.com

Pom Pom Cat Ear Headband, $6, forever21.com

Herbal Essences Totally Twisted Curl Boosting Hair Mousse, $5, herbalessences.com

hair type!

Every type of hair is beautiful! *Girls' World* is sharing some of our favorite tips and products for each look.

Wavy

Tangle Teezer Compact Styler Hello Kitty Hair Brush Pink, $19, target.com

Herbal Essences Tousle Me Softly Conditioner, $6, kmart.com

Got2b Beach Trippin' Salt-Infusion Waving Spray, $7, walgreens.com

L'Oréal Kids Strawberry Smoothie Shampoo, $3, bedbathandbeyond.com

Floral Headband, $4, forever21.com

Styling tips:

- Do your waves get frizzy? Try parting your hair in half (like you would for pigtails), then use your pointer fingers to swirl each part inwards. Let it sit for 20 minutes, then shake out!
- Flower crowns are made for wavy hair! You'll have a pretty look.

Kinky Curly

Blue Lilly Hair Clip, $6, claires.com

Carol's Daughter cd4kids Shampoo, $9, carolsdaughter.com

Kinky-Curly Knot Today Leave In Conditioner/ Detangler, $12, amazon.com

Vanfly Wide Tooth Comb, $6, amazon.com

SheaMoisture Coconut & Hibiscus Kids Curling Butter Cream, $8, target.com

Styling tips:

- If you have tight curls, they need to stay moisturized. Only wash your hair once or twice a week and try using a leave-in conditioner and curl cream.
- One big accessory, like a bright flower, will look great in curls like yours!

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Denim Overloa

Your favorite stars will inspire you to go denim crazy!

Try a new spin!
Looking for a different way to wear a denim shirt? Layer it over a flowy skirt and put on a belt like Skai Jackson did!

Color coordinate!
You can't go wrong with a jean skirt! Like Haley Tju, choose a top and shoes that match so your look flows from head to toe.

Dress for the season!
You can still wear overall shorts in the fall! Just copy Lizzy Greene's look by pairing them with a long sleeve top. Cute!

Add a personal touch!
Do you have an old pair of jeans laying around? Use paint or iron-on patches from a craft store to create a fun look like Isabela Moner's.

Be bright and bold!
Give your outfit a pop of color with a bright jean jacket. Style it with a white top like Breanna Yde did, so it'll stand out!

Disney Tinkerbell High Stretch Super Skinny Jeans, $50, gap.com

Denim White Polka Dot Bow Hair Clip, $6, claires.com

Girls Long Sleeve Embroidered Denim Jacket, $40, childrensplace.com

Short Denim Overalls, $55, bodenusa.com

Sarah Dress, $33, cottonon.com

Mudd Knit Hooded Denim Jacket, $48, kohls.com

Try the trend!

Girls Denim Glitter Wing Hi-Top Rockstar Sneaker, $35, childrensplace.com

Girls SONOMA Goods for Life Embroidered Patch Denim Vest, $32, kohls.com

Denim Fedora with White Crochet, $17, claires.com

Girls Five-Pocket Denim Skirt, $17, childrensplace.com

High stretch floral super skinny jeans, $40, gap.com

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we found it!

Score Riele's look for less!

She looks like a million bucks, but these pieces aren't pricey!

Are you wearing a patterned shirt to school like *Henry Danger*'s Riele Downs? Keep your accessories simple so they don't compete with your top!

the shirt
Relaxed Hi-Lo Scoop-Neck Tee for Girls, $10, oldnavy.com

the earrings
35MM Edged Silver Hoop Earrings, $8, claires.com

the pants
Girls' Soft Jegging Cat & Jack™ - Dark Wash, $15, target.com

the sneakers
Adidas Kids Unisex Originals Splendid Mid-Cut Shoes, $70 ($35 on sale), adidas.com

Dear Girls' World, I want Riele's outfit — it's so cute! Where can I get it?
— Raquel, 9, TN

TIP!
Instead of rocking a plain pair of jeans, switch it up. Try on some with a dark wash and fun design around the knees. They'll instantly make you a trendsetter!

SEND US YOUR FASHION QUESTION!
Go to page 96 and follow the instructions.

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your dream outfit

We found clothes and accessories to match what you designed!

Drawing by Haylee, 10, PA

SEND US YOUR DESIGN!
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Haylee's Outfit

SO Carla Girls' Tall Boots, $60, kohls.com

Large Resin 'Leopard Print' Teardrop Earrings, $14, avalaya.com

Patterned Scarf in Leopard Print, $7, hm.com

Sweatshirt in Gray Melange, $13, hm.com

Black Knotted Bow Headwrap, $8, claires.com

Girls Basic Skinny Jeans in Medium Blue Wash, $20, childrensplace.com

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Happy Birthday, Ariana!

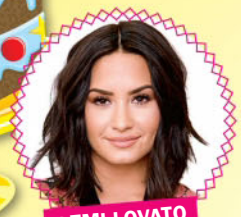
She celebrates her special day in August!

If you're looking for the perfect present for *Stuck in the Middle* star Ariana Greenblatt, we recommend heading to the craft store! The actress, who turns 10 on August 27, tells us that her all-time favorite present came with a crafty surprise. "My parents got me a desk for my 7th birthday and filled it with paper, markers, colored pencils, crayons and lots of supplies," she gushes. "I use it every day!"

Ariana likes getting presents, but she enjoys celebrating her birthday even more! "Last year, I had my party at a pottery studio, and I had my entire cast come with their families," she remembers. "We made our own custom bowls and cups — it was awesome!" Wow, how could she possibly top that this year? "I'm turning double digits so it's special," Ariana shares. "I hope to go to Disneyland with all my friends and family, including Disney Channel pals." Send us an invite, Ariana!

"My mom makes me the coolest cakes every year!" Ariana smiles.

More star birthdays!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KEEP IN TOUCH!

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Walk the Prank's Jillian Shea Spaeder can't wait to open a letter from you!

They'll read your letter if...

... you make it readable! Use your best handwriting.

... you keep it short! You want to grab their attention.

... it's super-sweet! Always send your most positive greetings.

... you decorate the envelope with colorful artwork or stickers.

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September

sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
					1 IT'S NATIONAL GUIDE DOG MONTH!	2 INTERNATIONAL BACON DAY
3 NATIONAL SKYSCRAPER DAY	4 LABOR DAY	5 NATIONAL CHEESE PIZZA DAY	6 READ A BOOK DAY	7 SALAMI DAY	8 NATIONAL PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE DAY	9 NATIONAL TEDDY BEAR DAY
10 NATIONAL GRANDPARENTS DAY	11 MAKE YOUR BED DAY	12 NATIONAL CHOCOLATE MILKSHAKE DAY	13 KIDS TAKE OVER THE KITCHEN DAY	14 NATIONAL CREAM-FILLED DOUGHNUT DAY	15 NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH STARTS TODAY!	16 NATIONAL COLLECT ROCKS DAY
17 NATIONAL NEIGHBORHOOD DAY	18 A NEW TEEN BOSS IS ON STANDS!	19 TALK LIKE A PIRATE DAY	20 NATIONAL SCHOOL BACKPACK AWARENESS DAY	21 THE LEGO NINJAGO MOVIE IS OUT TOMORROW!	22 FIRST DAY OF FALL	23 INTERNATIONAL RABBIT DAY
24 DAUGHTER'S DAY	25 NATIONAL COMIC BOOK DAY	26 NATIONAL BETTER BREAKFAST DAY	27 NATIONAL CHOCOLATE MILK DAY	28 NATIONAL STRAWBERRY CREAM PIE DAY	29 SAVE THE KOALA DAY	30 IT'S NICKELODEON'S WORLDWIDE DAY OF PLAY!

girls' WORLD

October

sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
1 FIRE PUP DAY	2 WORLD HABITAT DAY	3 NATIONAL FAMILY T.V. SHOW DAY	4 INTERNATIONAL WALK TO SCHOOL DAY	5 WORLD TEACHERS' DAY	6 MY LITTLE PONY: THE MOVIE IS IN THEATERS	7 BATHTUB DAY
8 A NEW GIRLS' WORLD IS OUT TOMORROW!	9 COLUMBUS DAY	10 NATIONAL CAKE DECORATING DAY	11 NATIONAL FOSSIL DAY	12 SPANISH LANGUAGE DAY	13 SILLY SAYING DAY	14 HAPPY BIRTHDAY, WINNIE THE POOH!
15 GLOBAL HANDWASHING DAY	16 COLORING WITH MOMMY & PUZZLE FUN ARE OUT NOW!	17 NATIONAL PASTA DAY	18 NATIONAL CHOCOLATE CUPCAKE DAY	19 NEW FRIENDS DAY	20 INTERNATIONAL SLOTH DAY	21 INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE NACHO
22 SMART IS COOL DAY	23 A NEW ANIMAL TALES IS AVAILABLE NOW!	24 NATIONAL BOLOGNA DAY	25 INTERNATIONAL ARTIST DAY	26 NATIONAL PUMPKIN DAY	27 FRANKENSTEIN FRIDAY	28 NATIONAL CHOCOLATE DAY
29 NATIONAL CAT DAY	30 NATIONAL CANDY CORN DAY	31 HALLOWEEN				

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BFF
LIST
SWIM

Chloe's BFF Checklist!

BY DIANA GALLAGHER

Chloe tugged on the straps of her new backpack as she approached the bus stop. *Deep breath in*, she thought. *Deep breath out.*

Unfortunately, the butterflies in her stomach wouldn't quit. The first day of school made her as nervous as a huge swim meet.

Her swim coach always talked about setting goals, and Chloe hoped she could achieve the biggest one of all this school year: make a best friend. In fact, she had a list hanging over her desk in her new bedroom. In glittery ink, she'd written the qualities she hoped her future best friend would have:

She took another deep breath. Everything smelled different here — the pine trees, the freshly cut grass, the paint in her new house. Moving to a new town was harder than getting up at five in the morning and diving into cold water for practice. However, she knew that if she could make a best friend, everything would fall into place.

"Hey, neighbor!" A boy and a girl around her age approached the bus stop, both with bright smiles. "I'm Mari," the girl said. "This is my baby brother, Fernando."

"Baby brother by four minutes," Fernando explained. "But I'm the smarter twin."

Mari rolled her eyes. "I beat you on our

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last math test. Anyway, hi! We live across the street. What's your name? What do you like to do?"

So many questions! Chloe wished her cheeks didn't get so warm whenever she tried to talk to strangers. Yet Mari didn't seem to mind. In fact, she smiled at Chloe like she couldn't wait to hear the answers.

"Um, I'm Chloe and I like ice cream."

Oh, no! How did that slip out? She felt her cheeks turning bright red.

"Us, too!" Fernando said. "We should go to Super Scoops. They make flavors out of everything."

"Even out of lavender," Mari said. "It's so delicious!"

Fernando elbowed Chloe. "I'm the twin with excellent taste in ice cream."

Chloe sat with the twins on the bumpy bus ride to school. The more they talked, the less tongue-tied she felt. Not only were the twins funny and friendly, but they loved ice cream. Perhaps finding a best friend wouldn't be so difficult, after all.

"We'll see you on the bus after school!" Mari called as she and Fernando walked into the classroom next to Chloe's.

The butterflies returned as Chloe entered her classroom. She wished the twins were in her class. Now, she was back to being the new girl, and she tried to smile as curious eyes turned her way. It reminded her of standing on the blocks at a swim meet, preparing to dive in.

"Everyone, please find a partner," Mr. Johnson said.

Chairs screeched over the tiles as her classmates paired off, but the girl next to Chloe didn't budge. Instead, she kept her eyes down, sketching in a notebook.

Chloe thought about how Fernando and Mari had approached her that morning with big smiles. It hadn't seemed so hard for them. She took a breath. "Hi, I'm Chloe! Do

Chloe thought back to her best friend list. Aria was definitely creative. Although she wasn't as outgoing as the twins, she was friendly in her own way.

you want to be my partner?"

The girl smiled shyly. "Sure. I'm Aria."

That was easier than Chloe had thought it would be. "What are you drawing?" she asked her new partner.

Aria showed her the notebook, which had an intricate drawing of a beautiful temple surrounded by graceful trees. "That's amazing!" Chloe said.

Aria beamed. "I went there when I visited my grandmother in Vietnam this summer. I love traveling and drawing."

Chloe thought back to her best friend list. Aria was definitely creative. Although she wasn't as outgoing as the twins, she was friendly in her own way. "My mom said there's an art museum in town," Chloe said, mustering up her courage. "Would you want to go one day?"

Aria's eyes lit up. "I'd love to."

By the time they were dismissed to the buses at the end of school, Chloe felt happy she had taken the plunge to say hello to Aria. They'd even spent recess together, talking about their summers and Aria's travels. As Coach said, sometimes you needed to jump in the pool instead of tiptoeing your way in.

As Chloe searched for her bus, a voice behind her said, "Hey! Do you swim for Northside Swim Club?"

Chloe turned around as a girl with bouncing curly hair walked over. "I recognized your T-shirt," the girl said. "I'm Gigi and I'm a swimmer, too."

Chloe couldn't believe her luck. Finally, a fellow swimmer! "That's so cool. Where do you swim?" Thanks to the twins, she felt confident enough to ask Gigi questions about herself, and thanks to Aria, she made sure to listen carefully to Gigi's answers.

"I compete for the Y," Gigi said. "Are you Chloe? I remember you from meets. You're really fast!"

Chloe felt herself blush. "Thank you."

"It's so awesome that you go here now," Gigi said. "All of my friends think I'm bananas for waking up so early for practice."

Chloe grinned. "How about the way we wait around for hours at a meet to swim one race?"

Gigi rolled her eyes. "My sister complains the whole time. I swear I can hear her even when I'm underwater!"

Chloe laughed. Not only did they have swimming in common, but she didn't even feel tongue-tied while talking to Gigi.

"I do junior lifeguard training, too," Gigi said. "You'd be great at it." She adjusted her bag and winced. "The only bad part is that I'm really sore!"

"Wow, I'd love to do that," Chloe said. "How do I sign up?"

Chloe laughed. Not only did they have swimming in common, but she didn't even feel tongue-tied while talking to Gigi.

"You should come with me to training on Sunday," Gigi said. "It's hard work, but we have fun, too."

"That sounds perfect." She looked up to see Fernando and Mari waving to her from the bus. "We should talk more tomorrow."

"Definitely!" Gigi said.

Chloe settled into her seat next to the twins. "How was your first day?" Mari asked

"If you don't have too much homework, you should come meet our dog," Fernando suggested.

As the bus pulled away, Chloe thought back to her best friend list. She no longer needed a list for finding one best friend. Instead, she had Mari, Fernando, Aria and Gigi who were all different from each other, yet together they shared the most important qualities for being friends. It made her think of swimming a relay, where each swimmer was equally valuable to the team.

Chloe knew that before she started her homework that night, she'd need to write a list of activities to try with all of her new friends:

- Join Lifeguard training.
- Visit a museum.
- Go to Super Scoops.

She couldn't wait for the second day of school. gw

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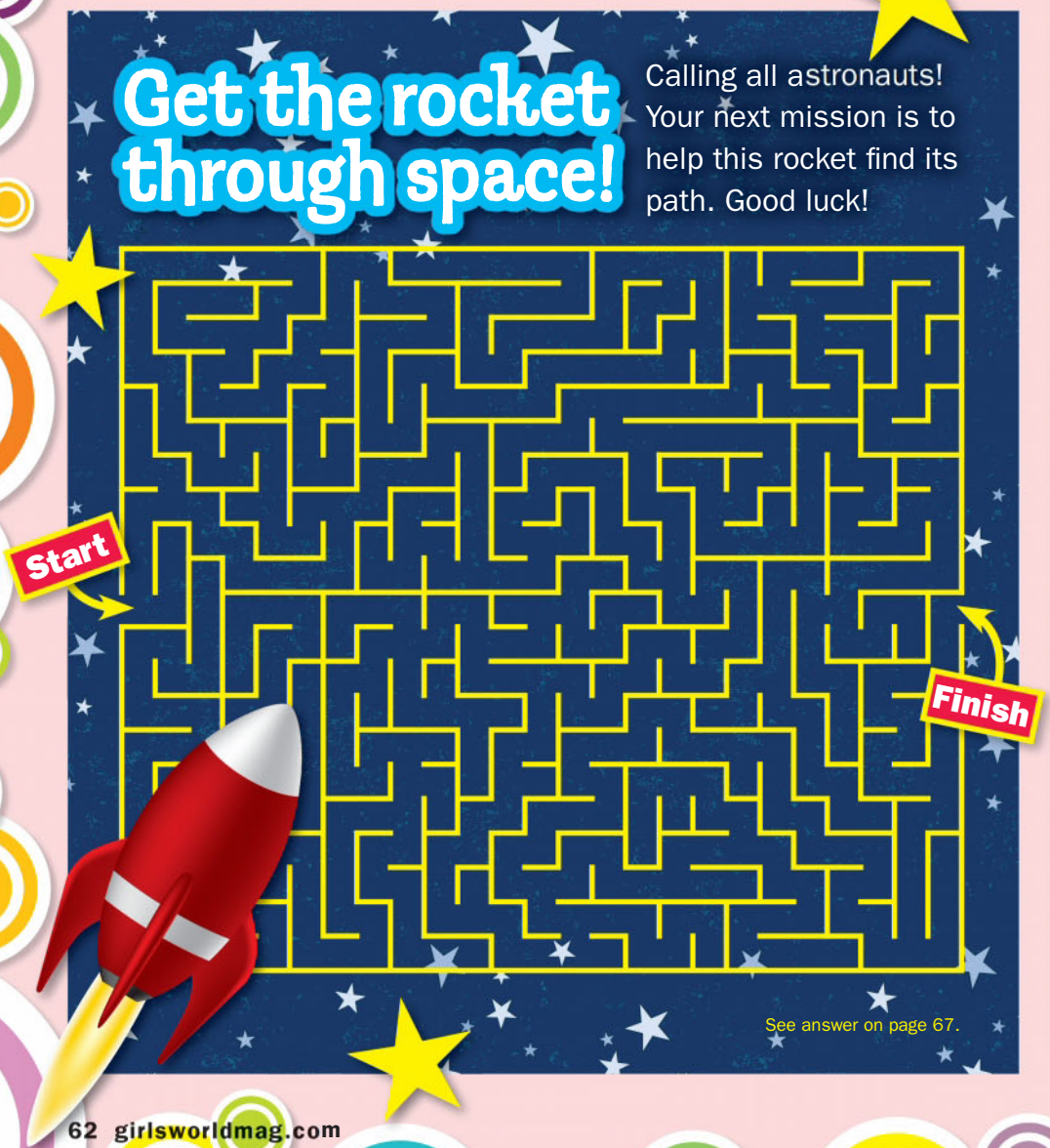
A WORLD OF FUN!

Get the rocket through space!

Calling all astronauts! Your next mission is to help this rocket find its path. Good luck!



See answer on page 67.

CLASS SCRAMBLE

Can you guess all of the school classes listed below?

1. ESICNEC
2. TMHA
3. IYRTHSO
4. EGSLINH
5. MGY
6. TAR
7. UTPOREMC
8. UIMCS

See answers on page 67.

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Spot the differences!

Can you find the 10 things that have changed in the second picture from *Leap!*?

Leap! hits theaters on August 30!

See answers on page 67.

Guess who's older?

See how well you know these famous stars!

1. _____
Answer

2. _____
Answer

3. _____
Answer

4. _____
Answer

See answers on page 67.

Make a Match!

Find the two lollipops that are exactly the same!

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Autumn WORD SEARCH

See if you can spot all of these seasonal words below!

FALL	CHILLY
HALLOWEEN	RAKE
COSTUMES	SCARECROW
OCTOBER	LEAVES
APPLE PICKING	PUMPKIN PIE
FOOTBALL	CANDY
CORN MAZE	JACKET

Z F V N E Q S R O F W G H N Y H L C O T H
G N I K C I P E L P P A W E K B O O J G G
F L R A U Y P J V P Q O J E V C X R C B R
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R O O N F A L L I C E W C O S T U M E S S
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L L P W H C L B Q G U R U H M A B X E Q O
M N T D S E H L F Q J V L P V J O G G G U
C N M K V A E B Y P V B D O Y L L I H C P

See answers on page 67.

Name that cereal mascot!

Can you correctly identify these famous characters?

ANSWER:_____

ANSWER:_____

ANSWER:_____

ANSWER:_____

See answers on page 67.

Find the hidden objects

Look closely and see if you can spot the following:
doughnut, pencil, pineapple, butterfly, cake, inchworm, cherry, pink crayon, heart, fish, strawberry, ruler

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HILARIOUS JOKES!

WHAT DO YOU GET WHEN YOU DROP A PUMPKIN?
Squash!

WHAT HAS EARS BUT CAN'T HEAR A THING?
A cornfield!

WHAT RUNS AROUND A FARM BUT DOESN'T MOVE?
A fence!

WHAT DID ONE LEAF SAY TO ANOTHER?
I'm *fall*ing for you!

WHAT READS AND LIVES IN AN APPLE?
A bookworm!

HOW DO LEAVES TRAVEL?
In autumn-mobiles!

WHAT'S A TREE'S LEAST FAVORITE MONTH?
Sep-*timber*!

Lizzy Greene can't believe how funny your jokes are!

KNOCK-KNOCK TIME!

KNOCK, KNOCK
Who's there?
THERMOS!
Thermos who?
THERMOS BE A BETTER WAY!

KNOCK, KNOCK
Who's there?
TINKER BELL!
Tinker Bell who?
TINKER BELL IS OUT OF ORDER!

KNOCK, KNOCK
Who's there?
ZOOM!
Zoom who?
ZOOM DID YOU EXPECT?

ANSWERS

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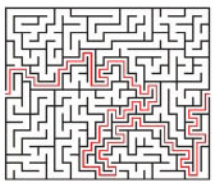

NAME THAT CEREAL MASCOT:
1. Trix Rabbit
2. Lucky the Leprechaun
3. Tony the Tiger
4. Cap'n Crunch

WORD SEARCH:

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GUESS WHO'S OLDER?:
1. **Taylor: 27;** Selena: 25
2. **Veronica: 22;** Zendaya: 20
3. **Brec: 18;** JoJo: 14
4. **Dove: 21;** Sabrina: 18

MAKE A MATCH:
C and F

CLASS SCRAMBLE:
1. Science
2. Math
3. History
4. English
5. Gym
6. Art
7. Computer
8. Music

SPOT THE DIFFERENCES:

FIND THE HIDDEN OBJECTS:

Who stole my LUNCH MONEY?

Clara was about to go to lunch when she realized her wallet was missing! What happened?

"Aunt Caroline will be here in 10 minutes."

"I know, Mom," Clara replied from across the kitchen table on Monday morning. "Auntie gets here at the same time every day to bring me to school."

"Well, you haven't decided what to bring for lunch yet. You better hurry up," Mrs. Flores pointed out.

"I thought maybe you would let me buy lunch in the cafeteria today," Clara murmured, crossing her fingers under the table.

"I don't have any cash to give you today, sweetie. But, I do have lunch duty later, so I'll stop by the bank first."

"That's OK. I still have some allowance money," Clara explained excitedly.

"I thought you spent it all at the fall festival," Mrs. Flores teased.

"Ha ha, I didn't spend every penny," Clara smiled.

The fall festival was last Friday after school. Clara had worn her cutest outfit, carried around her new pink purse and played lots of games with her friends. *But one thing about that day did stink*, she remembered.

"What's with the frown, sweet pea?" Clara's mom asked.

"Do you think Robby's still mad at me?" Clara worried.

Robby is Clara's cousin, and they're both in the same fourth grade class. They'd never been super close, and at the carnival, Clara made things worse when she accidentally got Robby into trouble. Apparently, Aunt Caroline had told him he wasn't allowed to drink any soda during the festival, but Clara didn't know that. So when she saw him drinking some, she went over to her mom and aunt to ask if she could have one, too. When her mom said no, Clara complained that it was so unfair that Robby got to have soda and she didn't. Aunt Caroline got so mad — she made Robby leave the festival early.

"I'm sure he's forgotten about it by now," Clara's mom assured her. "Hey, don't you need to go get your wallet upstairs?"

"Don't be silly, Mom. I always keep it in my backpack."

"Usually, but at the festival you put it in … "

BRRRRRING. Mrs. Flores' phone started to ring. Clara saw that Aunt Caroline was calling, and then she noticed her car outside. She took off out the door, waving as her mom yelled something she couldn't quite hear.

"Well, look who it is: Little Miss Tattletale," Robby whispered as soon as she got in the car.

"I didn't mean to get you in trouble, Robby. You have to believe me," Clara pleaded.

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"Save it," he replied.

Robby ignored Clara the rest of the ride. By the time they got to school, Clara practically jumped out of the car. She almost got to the front entrance before she realized that she'd left her backpack in the car. She turned back, only to see Robby drop her book bag on the ground in front of her feet. Then, he walked into school without saying a word to her.

Later, before she was heading to lunch, Clara was feeling a little better. Her friends helped her get her mind off of Robby's attitude. Plus, she was excited to buy her lunch for the first time, since she usually brought it from home. She went to get her wallet from her backpack before heading to the cafeteria ... only to discover that it was gone! That's when she heard a loud laugh. When she looked up, she saw her cousin goofing around with one of his friends.

"I can't believe you stole my wallet from my backpack, Robby," she cried, storming over to him.

"What are you talking about?" Robby asked.

"It was obviously you. You're so mad at me. You probably did it this morning when I forgot my backpack in your car. You're such a … "

"Don't finish that sentence, Clara Jane," she suddenly heard her mom interrupt.

Why's Mom in my classroom and not the cafeteria? And why does she have my pink purse with her? Clara wondered.

What really happened to Clara's wallet? Try to figure it out before reading below.

Solve It!

Did Clara's cousin, Robby, take her money?

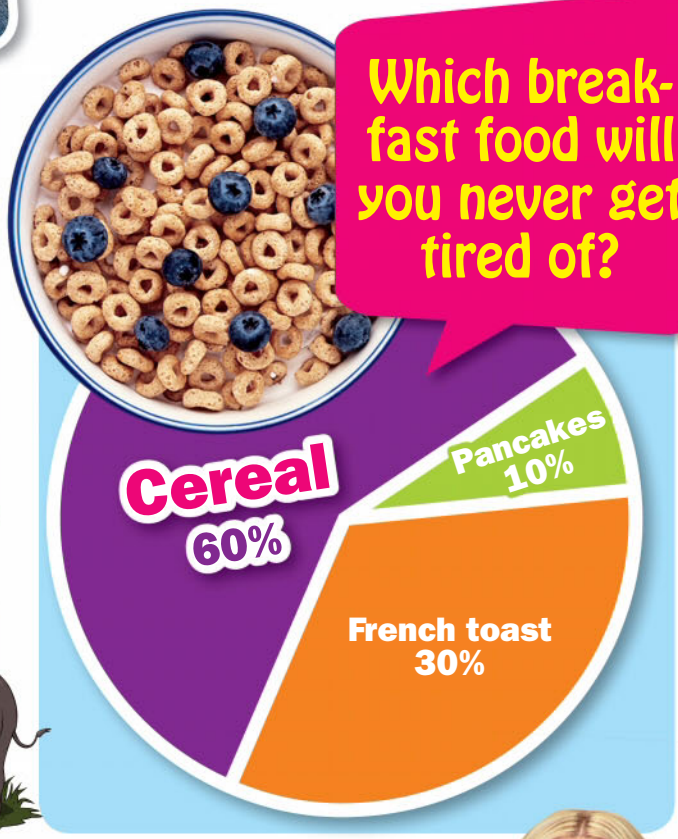
No, Robby didn't take Clara's wallet! He had time to grab it from her backpack after she left it in the car, but if you think farther back in the story, you'll realize that Clara never actually put her wallet in her backpack! Remember: Her mom told her to go grab her wallet upstairs. When Clara said she always keeps it in her backpack, her mom started to remind her that she'd put it in her pink purse at the festival. But Clara ran to Aunt Caroline's car without hearing her. That's why Mrs. Flores brought Clara's pink purse into the classroom, so she could get her wallet before getting on the lunch line. In the end, Clara was able to buy her lunch — and she patched things up with her cousin, too! gw

You said it!

Check out the results of our latest poll!

Who's your favorite Andi Mack character?

Which breakfast food will you never get tired of?



Would you rather go to a zoo or an aquarium?

Would you rather have a pool or a treehouse in your backyard?

You'd want to be study buddies with:

- 39% Dove Cameron.
- 36% JoJo Siwa.
- 25% Jenna Ortega.

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How would you describe your BFF?

Which planet would you want to visit?

What's your go-to nail color?

Answer these questions for an upcoming issue!

Your must-have locker decoration is: a poster, an inspirational quote or a mirror? _____

Which celeb would you want in your class: Kira Kosarin or Peyton Elizabeth Lee? _____

What's your favorite day of the week? _____

Would you rather take ballet or gymnastics lessons? _____

Do you like wearing boots or sneakers more? _____

Which show do you like best: *MasterChef Junior*, *America's Got Talent* or *Shark Tank*? _____

Have you ever gone apple picking? _____

You'd love to take a field trip to: the Mall of America, Statue of Liberty or the Grand Canyon? _____

Which celebrity would you most like to see on our next cover? _____

Age? _____

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quiz

Which member of your family ARE YOU MOST LIKE?

Find out who you have the most in common with!

Directions: Read each statement and check the one family member who it applies to. Read on!

	MOM	DAD	SIBLING	GRAND-PARENTS
1 We laugh at all the same jokes.	☐	☐	☐	☐
2 We have similar hobbies.	☐	☐	☐	☐
3 We always pick out the same movies.	☐	☐	☐	☐
4 My favorite food is his or her favorite food.	☐	☐	☐	☐
5 We have a similar taste in clothes.	☐	☐	☐	☐
6 We always agree on weekend activities.	☐	☐	☐	☐
7 We had the same favorite subject in school.	☐	☐	☐	☐
8 People say we have similar personalities.	☐	☐	☐	☐
9 We have the same opinion on pets.	☐	☐	☐	☐
10 We agree on vacation spots.	☐	☐	☐	☐
11 We jam out to our favorite music together.	☐	☐	☐	☐
12 I get along great with his or her friends.	☐	☐	☐	☐
13 We have the same favorite color.	☐	☐	☐	☐
14 We see eye-to-eye on the best sport.	☐	☐	☐	☐
15 We use a lot of the same phrases.	☐	☐	☐	☐
16 We agree on where to go shopping.	☐	☐	☐	☐
17 We have a lot of the same skills.	☐	☐	☐	☐

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I'm most like my mom!

Like mother, like daughter — you and your mom are practically the same person! You have so much in common; we bet you didn't even realize how much! To make your bond even tighter, suggest taking one hour every week to color together or pop in one of your favorite movies. Your mom will love that idea!

I'm most like my grandparents!

There might be an age difference, but your answers prove that your grandparents are a lot like you! Spend more time with them to get to know them even better. If they live far away, set up a weekly phone date. If they're close by, stop by their house for a day of fun!

Add them up!

Which color did you have the most of?

- MOM
- DAD
- SIBLING
- GRAND-PARENTS

I'm most like my dad!

Dad will always be your #1! The two of you agree on almost everything — from your favorite music to the best way to spend a Saturday. Suggest spending your next weekend trying out something different like indoor rock-climbing or a painting class. You'll have so much fun doing something new!

I'm most like my sibling!

You and your sib are two peas in a pod! It helps that you guys have such similar personalities. Stay close by planning a sleepover in your living room with all your favorite movies and snacks!

your MORTIFYING moments

Readers share their real-life, totally embarrassing (but so funny!) stories.

CLUMSY CAKE MOMENT!

I was the new kid in school last year, so when a girl from my class invited me to her birthday party, I was so excited. I went with my mom to pick out a present I thought she'd really like and even helped wrap it. When I got to the party, my new friend was telling another girl about the amazing cake she and her mom baked for everyone. When I was looking at it, I noticed that everyone had stacked their presents into a pile on the ground behind the cake. So I walked over and bent down to add mine. Too bad I banged into the table and knocked the cake onto the floor. I felt like I ruined the whole party! — **Lizzy, CO** 😍😍😍

ELEVATOR ACCIDENT!

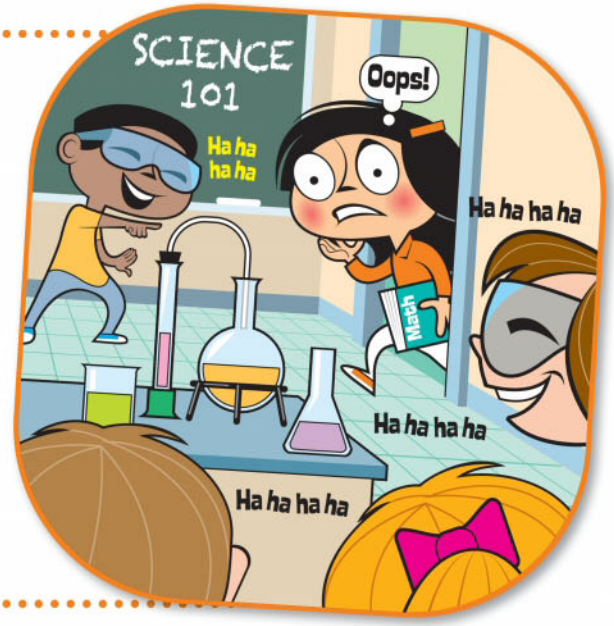
I hate elevators, but on our family vacation, I couldn't avoid riding in one. We'd gotten back to the hotel, and I really had to use the bathroom. I didn't think I'd be able to hold it if I walked up to our room. So I got in the elevator with everyone, and 10 seconds later, it got stuck. I was so scared that I just peed my pants! My mom gave me her sweatshirt to put around my waist so no one could tell, but I was embarrassed. Luckily, we were only stuck in the elevator for five minutes! — **Iliana, DE** 😍😍😍

KEY

- 😍 So embarrassing!
- 😍😍 Better hide in your room today!
- 😍😍😍 Yikes! Friends will remember that forever!

MATH CLASS MiX UP!

At my school, fourth grade is the year you start switching teachers for some classes. One of the classes I was going to have to leave my homeroom for was math — my least favorite subject! When the bell rang, I grabbed my stuff and followed my friend Emma into a classroom down the hall, but then I noticed "Science 101" was written on the board. When I asked Emma why she wasn't in math class, the girl who turned around said, "I'm not Emma. I think you're in the wrong class!" Everyone looked at me and laughed. Turns out, I'd followed a 5th grader to *her* science class! — **Meredith, PA**



FALL FiASCO!

There are always big leaf piles around my school in the fall. A lot of people play in them at recess, but my mom always said it would get me messy before class. But one day, all my friends were jumping in, so I decided I had to, too. I fell backwards into the pile and landed on my bottom. I was laughing with my buds when I felt something move near my foot. I kicked the leaves to see who was grabbing me and saw a chipmunk! I screamed so loudly that everyone on the playground turned to see. I'll never look at a leaf pile the same way again! — **Olivia, NJ**

WHiTEBOARD WORRY!

Everyone in my class is picked to be Student of the Week, and the first week of school, my teacher picked me. She called me to the front of the room, told me to write my name on the board and then tell everyone about myself. I'm pretty shy, so I was feeling nervous — so nervous that I spelled my name wrong! People still call me STEP-anie! — **Stephanie, OH**

SCHOOL SPiRiT!

My school always has a "welcome back" pep rally. This year, I decided to go all out for it. I had my dad paint the school mascot on both my cheeks, and I wore all the school gear I had in my closet — baseball hat, sweatshirt and knee socks. When I walked into school, I noticed everyone else was dressed normally. I had the wrong day written down in my agenda! — **Kiki, PA**

CHAiR CATASTROPHE!

My friend couldn't stop talking about the new beanbag chair she got for her room. So one Friday after school, she invited me over to check it out. It was pretty cool, and she let me sit in it while we were working on our art projects. I was cutting out a flower to put on a birthday card for my mom when I realized I'd snipped a hole in her new chair. I jumped up, but my movement made things even worse. All of a sudden, beans started coming out of the chair. I had to explain what happened to her mom because she was sobbing! — **Lily, NE**

SEND US YOUR EMBARRASSiNG STORY!

Go to page 96 and follow the instructions.

STORY ILLUSTRATIONS BY MARK COLLINS

which is worse?

Sabrina Carpenter could never pick from these gross options!

These picks are absolutely the pits! Choose the dilemma you'd rather deal with. LOL!

Having ants as eyelashes	**or**	**having worms as lips?**
Sleeping in a bed made of mud	or	using a pillow made from cat hairballs?
Having every floor you walk on be made out of boogers	or	having every seat you sit on be made out of smelly slime?
Getting caught in a rainstorm of pee	or	jumping into a pool of spit?
Having to eat everything with hot sauce	or	having to drink everything warm?
A baby sibling who never stops crying	or	a pet puppy that never stops howling?
Burping every time you say "hi"	or	sneezing every time you laugh?
Only being able to walk on your hands	or	clapping every time you take a step?
Going to an amusement park, but all of the rides are closed	or	going to the beach, but you can't play in the water or sand?
Growing a lion's mane	or	growing elephant ears?

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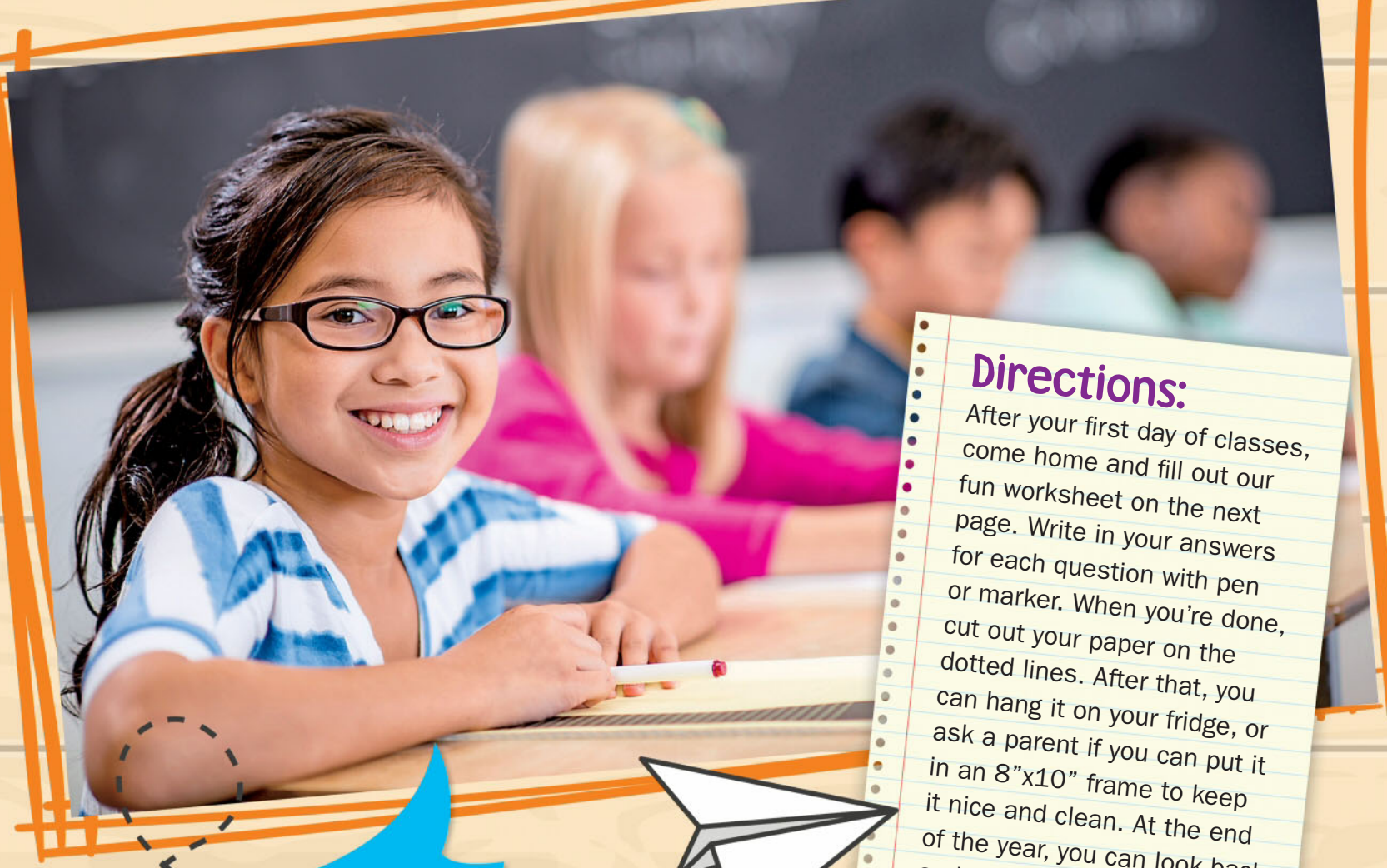

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After your first day of classes, come home and fill out our fun worksheet on the next page. Write in your answers for each question with pen or marker. When you're done, cut out your paper on the dotted lines. After that, you can hang it on your fridge, or ask a parent if you can put it in an 8"x10" frame to keep it nice and clean. At the end of the year, you can look back and see how you've changed and what you've learned!

Make a Back-to-School Keepsake!

Now, you'll always remember your first day of school!

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My FIRST DAY of SCHOOL!

My name: _____

My grade: _____

My age: _____

My school: _____

My teacher: _____

My friends in my class are:

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My favorite after-school activity is:

_____

Something I want to learn this year is:

_____

My dream class trip is:

_____

My favorite subject is:

_____

My least favorite subject is:

_____

My #1 school lunch is:

_____

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quiz

What does your book bag style say about you?

Pick your favorite backpack and see what it reveals!

Polka Dot Backpack Handbag Black, $30, target.com

Polka Dot

There's no denying it: Loving this fun print means you're the friend everyone looks to when they want to have a good time!

Floral

Having a bag with flower accents means one thing: You're an outdoorsy girl! You love spending time in nature and see the beauty in everything.

Jansport Mesh Backpack in Pink Posey, $40, jcpenney.com

Sparkly

No matter where you go, you shine! Just like this glittery bag, you have a big personality — that's why everyone wants to hang with you.

Sparkle Cat Backpack, $35, shopjustice.com

Emojis

Like the print on this bag, you wear your heart on your sleeve. Everyone always knows how you're feeling, and you're cool with that!

Coofit Cute Emoji Backpack, $26, walmart.com

Cree Cicchino

Neon

Similar to this cool bag, you're one trendy girl! You're always dressed cute from head to toe, and your friends love your daring style!

Faux Leather Trim Clear Backpack, $25, forever21.com

Unicorn-Inspired

Dreamers like you are always reaching for the stars! You have an active imagination and think outside the box.

Fuzzy Unicorn Backpack, $25, forever21.com

Pastel

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TRICKY SCIENCE QUESTIONS —ANSWERED!

GW gives you the lowdown on some of the world's most mind-boggling mysteries!

HOW DOES BRAILLE WORK?

— Noah, 10, MI

You've probably seen the raised dots of braille on a bathroom sign or near an elevator button before. You can think of them as another form of writing for people who are blind or visually impaired. Braille is actually pretty similar to the writing you use — except each set of raised bumps in different combinations forms the alphabet. The more advanced you are, the more complex these combinations can get. Each "letter" is made up of six dots in a rectangle that has two columns with three dots each. You can tell what letter it is by the pattern in which the dots are raised. People run their fingers over the dots to read the words written out, just like the way your eyes scan over words on a page. Cool!

WHY DOES SODA MAKE ME BURP SO MUCH?

— Savannah, 7, OH

Burps happen because as you eat and drink, you also swallow gases like oxygen and nitrogen from the air you breathe. Although the gases aren't harmful, eventually they need to exit your body, so they come out as a burp. Why does soda make you feel super burpy? Well, the fizzy bubbles in soda are made by adding an extra gas called carbon dioxide to the drink. That added gas means that as you drink, you're taking in more gas than normal. More gas in your stomach = more gas coming out of your mouth!

WHAT MAKES HAIR CURLY OR STRAIGHT?

— Carly, 8, AL

The reason why people's hair is a certain texture has to do with their genes. That means you inherit your hair texture from your parents. Different hair textures exist based on the follicle of your hair. The follicle is an organ that looks like a tiny tube below the surface of your skin; your hair grows out of it. Follicles are different shapes depending on the texture of your hair. Straight-haired people have round, symmetrical follicles that cause the strands of hair to grow out straight. While curly-haired people have more oval, asymmetrical follicles that cause each strand to grow out curly.

SEND US YOUR QUESTION!
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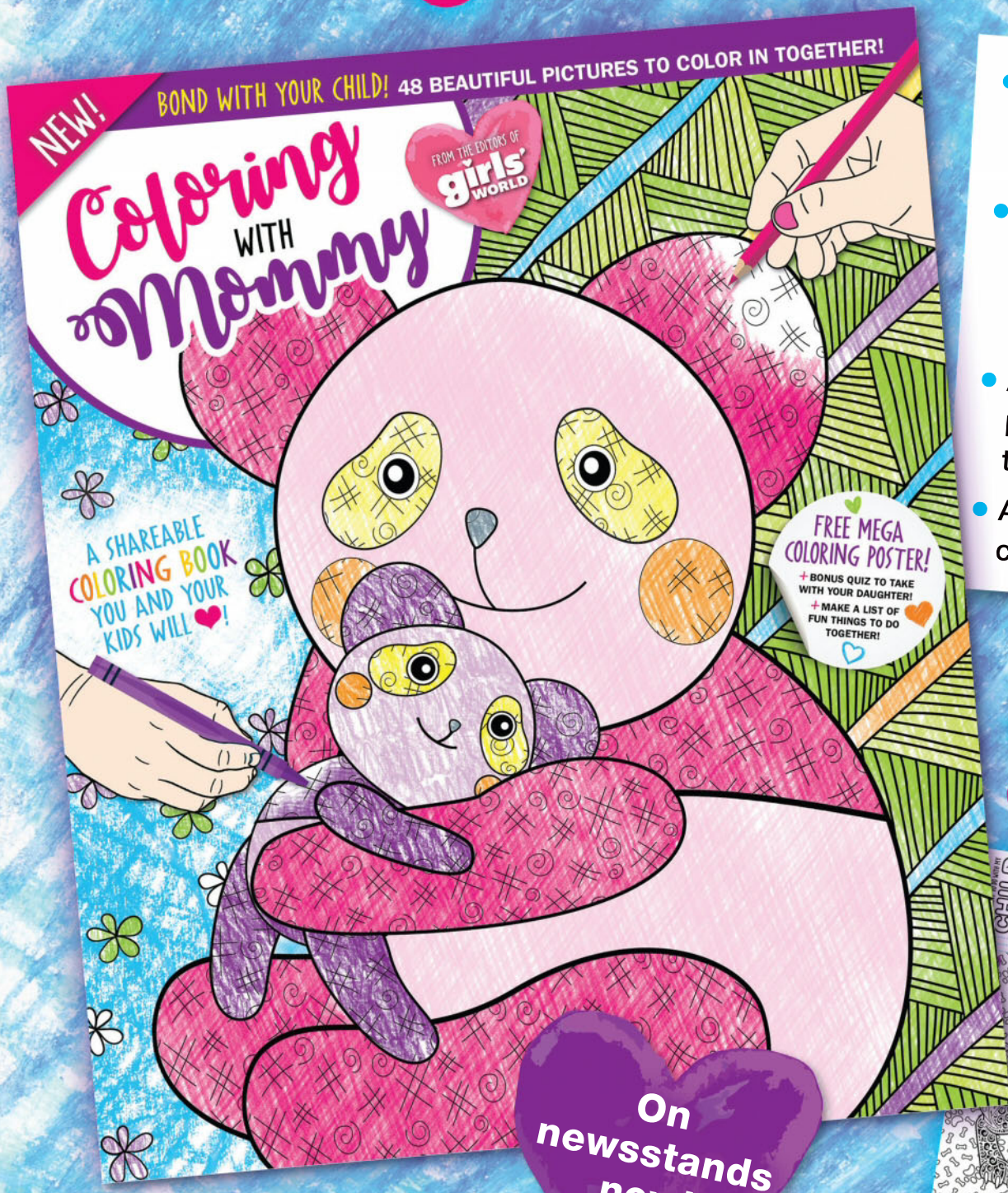
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10 Cool Koala Facts You Need to Know!

September is Save the Koala Month!

1

Koalas may look like bears, but they aren't! They're marsupials, which means their babies live in a pouch in their mom's stomach!

2

Baby koalas are known as joeys. They're born without fur, sight or hearing, and they're only about two centimeters long.

3

A baby koala stays in its mother's pouch for about six or seven months. After that, it rides around on its mom's back or clings to her stomach until it's about 1 year old.

4

Koalas communicate with each other by making a funny sound! It's a loud snore and then a belch, which is called a bellow.

5

When it gets hot out, koalas cool off by pressing their bodies up against a tree trunk.

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What's that dark spot on the koala's chest? All male koalas have a scent gland there, which gives off a dark, sticky substance. They rub it on trees to mark their territory!

7

Koalas are mostly nocturnal. They often sleep for up to 18-20 hours each day!

8

In the wild, you can find koalas in the tall eucalypt forests and low eucalypt woodlands of mainland eastern Australia.

9

They have five digits on each front paw. This helps them hold firmly onto branches and grip their food!

10

Sadly, it's been estimated that there are less than 100,000 koalas left in the wild because of damage done to their habitat. But doing simple things like recycling or conserving water can help the environment — and the koalas' homes!

Animal Answers!

Why do our furry friends do what they do? *Girls' World* answers your questions.

Can dinosaurs come back? — Evony, 11, IN

As cool as that would be, probably not. One of the most commonly studied methods for scientists to attempt to bring back any animal from extinction is through a process called cloning. In order to do this, scientists need to have some of the extinct animal's DNA. Since dinosaurs were around so many millions of years ago, scientists don't have any of their DNA to use to try to clone the creatures and bring them back. Although there may be dinosaur bones that scientists have yet to discover — right now, they believe no dinosaur DNA would be found in them because too many years have passed.

Why do some animals eat their own poop?

— Shawna, 10, AZ

There's a scientific name for eating poop! It's coprophagia. There are a few reasons an animal would eat its poo, but the most common is because it contains undigested food, and eating it allows the animal to get the healthy nutrients inside that food. It doesn't make them sick, the same way it would us humans, because they have different digestive and immune systems. While it may seem gross, it's actually pretty normal and safe!

Do animals get allergies? — Addie, 11, TX

They do! Much like humans, animals can be allergic to food, environments and even flea bites! Unlike humans who get itchy noses and eyes, pets tend to get itchy skin. A sign of an animal with allergies is if it does a lot more scratching, rubbing and grooming than normal. Though there isn't a cure, a pet with allergies can be treated with medicine. In fact, cats are known to sometimes have asthma — and they get their own inhaler-like face masks to feel better!

Can birds fly as high as planes?

— Cassie, 9, VT

It depends on the bird! The average airplane flies at around 30,000 to 40,000 feet up in the air. The Rüppell's griffon vulture, the highest flying bird in the world, can fly up to 37,000 feet, right up there with a plane. But that doesn't mean you should expect to see a bird flying alongside your plane! Most birds fly under 500 feet in the air, which is much closer to land.

Send us your animal question!

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MEET ISAAK'S HORSE, Scarlet!

What's life like as a celebrity pet? *Stuck in the Middle* star Isaak Presley's horse, Scarlet, tells all!

celebrity pet

"She listens but only when she wants to," Isaak laughs. "She's my best friend!"

gw Hey there, Scarlet! Let's start at the beginning: How'd you come to live with Isaak?

Well, Isaak grew up with horses and when he was 4½ years old, his dad went looking for a horse for him. I wasn't even for sale when he found me, but he knew I'd be the best fit for Isaak. So he made it happen!

gw Cool! Does Isaak have a lot of land for you to run on?

Yes! Isaak lives on a ranch with his dad in Orange County, CA. Lucky for me, they've got stables for me to stay in!

gw How much do you and Isaak have in common?

Tons! Like me, Isaak's loving and a really hard worker — but he can be a troublemaker sometimes, too!

gw What's one lesson that you think you've taught Isaak?

Responsibility! He always says owning a horse is like having a dog you can ride — but twice the responsibility.

gw We're sure it is! How does he take care of you?

He helps with my feedings, which I get three times a day, my twice-a-week baths and cleaning my stall. I'm a lot of work!

gw Tell us a funny Isaak and Scarlet story!

When Isaak was younger, we were fooling around and I accidentally stepped on his boots. His dad ran over because he was so nervous I'd stepped on Isaak's toes — and at 800 pounds, I could have done some damage. But because his dad had bought the shoes big so Isaak could grow into them, I knew I was only stepping on the boots. Isaak still teases his dad about that!

gw LOL! What's your fave thing to do with Isaak?

We go on lots of long trail rides together. Plus, we compete together in a sport called gymkhana, where we're timed racing. We've even won medals!

gw How do you like watching Isaak on *SITM*?

It makes me sad that he has to be away from me while he's filming, but I've never missed an episode! Isaak gets a little mad because my favorite characters are Lewie and Beast.

gw We know him as Ethan on T.V. but we'd love to learn more about Isaak. What secrets can you share?

So many! Unlike his *SITM* character, Isaak is an only child. He really loves going out for ice cream with his castmates. Oh and, he's a daredevil who loves riding roller coasters!

gw What words do you and Isaak live by?

We remind each other to have no fear and that when you fall, you should just dust yourself off and get back up again.

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Happy Birthday, Libra!

September 23 - October 22

Happy birthday, Libra! It's your birthday and to you, getting to celebrate with your friends and family is what matters most. So expect lots of fun and sweet surprises! And get this: Your ruling planet, Venus, is also bringing you good luck this month. Everything will go your way in the weeks ahead!

Happy Birthday, Scorpio!

October 23 - November 21

Happy birthday, Scorp! Paint your nails red (your lucky color), and it'll bring good things your way! You'll get the boost of confidence you need to raise your hand during class or to introduce yourself to someone new.

Sagittarius

November 22 - December 21

Student of the Week is in your future! You'll love learning new things in all of your classes so much that you won't even be able to pick a favorite subject. Your teacher will definitely notice!

Capricorn

December 22 - January 19

Your ability to talk to anyone will help you in the friend department this month. Before you know it, you'll have more new friends than you thought possible!

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Aquarius

January 20 - February 18

Lending a hand to someone struggling with their homework will make you more than an all-star tutor. You'll also walk away with a brand new friend. Awesome!

Pisces

February 19 - March 20

Music is going to become a big part of your life! When you want to chill out or focus on homework, turning on your favorite tunes will put you in the perfect mood to do so.

Aries

March 21 - April 19

When you start feeling a little distant from a close bud in September, schedule a sleepover. Having some one-on-one time together is just what you both need right now!

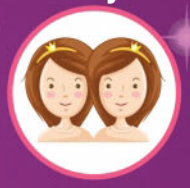
Taurus

April 20 - May 20

Since you're a trustworthy Taurus, your BFF will turn to you when she finds herself in a tough situation and needs to talk. You'll know just what to tell her!

Gemini

May 21 - June 20



When two of your buds have a falling out this fall, you'll be the only one who can bring them back together. With your help, their friendship will end up being stronger than ever.

Cancer

June 21 - July 22

There's nothing you can't accomplish! So when things get overwhelming, don't be too hard on yourself. Take some time for yourself to relax so you'll feel refreshed.

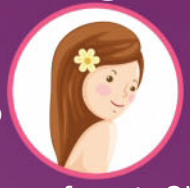
Leo

July 23 - August 22

Taking chances will pay off in a big way for you, Leo! When your mom suggests trying a new activity, don't shrug it off. You're about to discover a new hobby that you'll love.

Virgo

August 23 - September 22



Virgos are big dreamers, which is why this school year is one you won't forget. Sharing your goals with your buds will inspire them to dream big, too!

Which flavor cookie should you bake?

CHOCOLATE CHIP

FIRE (AIRES, LEO, SAGITTARIUS) This popular cookie is loved by pretty much everyone, and so are you! People are instantly drawn to your personality.

AIR (GEMINI, LIBRA, AQUARIUS) There's nothing sweeter than a sugar cookie — except you! You have a heart of gold and never let your buds down.

SUGAR

PEANUT BUTTER

EARTH (TAURUS, VIRGO, CAPRICORN) Peanut butter goes well with everything — sounds like you! You're super chill and easy to get along with.

WATER (CANCER, SCORPIO, PISCES) Like this cookie, you're a bit unpredictable. You keep everyone on their toes, which is why your friends love you!

WHITE CHOCOLATE MACADAMIA NUT

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- Your name
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We can't print every letter or drawing, but we look at everything you send to us!

Gabrielle, 10, NY

Dear Girls' World,
I am a huge fan! I love reading the stories, and I cannot wait to see if I can be in your next issue. I love the advice that you give to me and all the other girls reading Girls' World. Thank you so much!
— Kylie, 11, MS

Victoria, 8, MT

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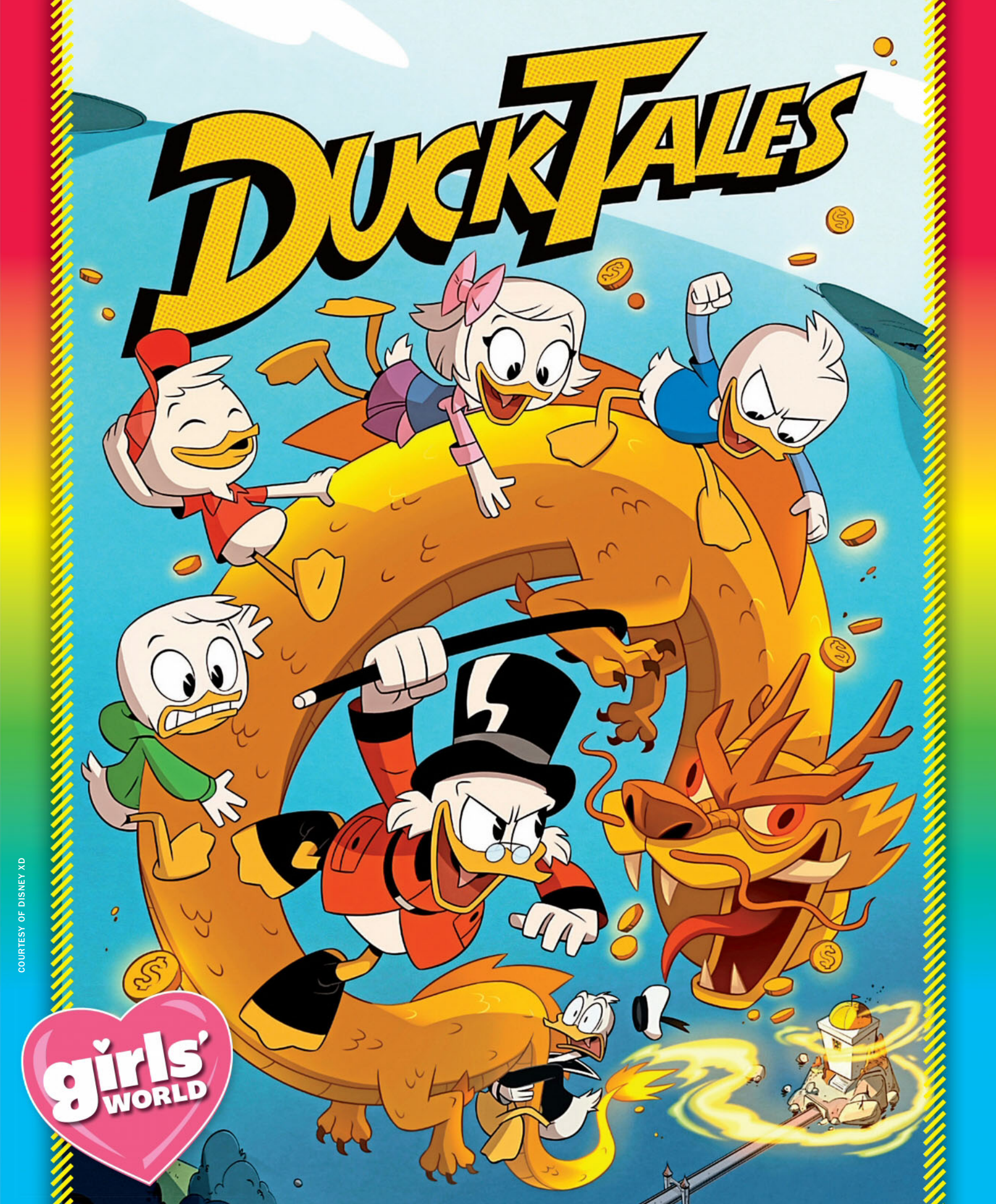
Your Halloween costume drawing could be featured in the next issue, on sale 10/9!

Lara, 8, NY



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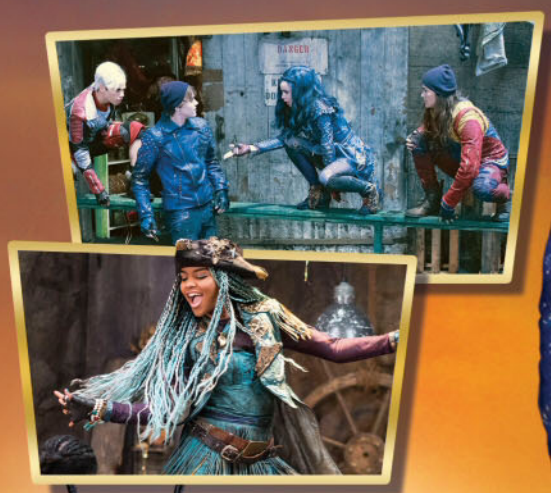

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